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Their Ancestry and Posterity

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Foreword

"He alone deserves to be remembered by his children, who treasures up and preserves the memory of his fathers."—Edmund Burke.

"No man attains any degree of culture but he begins to take an interest in his fore-fathers."—Edward Everett.

How scant is the information we have of our ancestry. A few recollections possibly of grandparents, a few traditions of one or two generations farther back—and that is all—the rest is a mere catalog of names, if so be we have even the names. The Patriarchal record in chapter five of the Book of Genesis has been taken as the model of family history: "Seth was born of Adam, lived 105 years and begat Enos and Seth died."

The struggles and sacrifices of one generation make possible the comforts and life of another, it appears ingratitude to forget our forefathers. To search out and know something of the lives of our ancestry seems no more than decent filial respect. And in the New World, where the family cannot go back beyond ten generations, it appears no hard task to rescue the entire family history from oblivion. We scoff at Ancestry worship, put perhaps that were better than indifference. The following pages have taken very many patient hours of research and effort, but as Henry Ward Beecher said "The dry tree of genealogy yields a pleasant fruit to him who looks long enuf for it."

And a knowledge of family life has something of scientific value. To know the weaknesses or strong points of those whose blood flows in our own veins gives us a better understanding of ourselves.

And again a family history is a form of immortality, the world cares nothing for the individual, but his family may; and in a family history we each become a link between past and future—a link as valuable as the chain, and hence we secure a sort of immortality.

In the following pages I have written out in orderly form, though with brevity, the family history of one branch of the William Sawyer family of old Newbury; the branch running through Betfield the pioneer who went into the "North Country" of New Hampshire and settled with his hardy wife; all of whose posterity came from one of his sons, Thomas, who with his faithful wife Juanna dug a living from the stones and woodland of the town of Hill for their brood of twelve.

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THE SAWYER FAMILY OF HILL, N. H.

Betfield Sawyer Settles In Hill

In the winter of 1765 Carr Huse, Capt. Cutting Favour and John Tolford, Jr. spent the winter in what is now Hill, N. H. Two winters later, 1767, Huse and Capt. Favour came back and made permanent settlement. In 1770 the settlement had several houses, one saw-mill, one grist-mill, and thirty-seven male land-owners. In 1776 the settlement petitioned to be made a town with the name of New Chester. In 1819 the town's name was changed to Hill, after Governor Isaac Hill. It was one of the mother towns of New Hampshire, Bristol, Bridgewater and parts of Danbury and Wilmot coming from the original town.

In December of 1799, Betfield Sawyer of Newton, N. H., a young man of 25, with his wife Hannah, and three small children, sold his homestead at Newton for $270, and packing his household goods upon the ox-sled, together with food and provender, the hardy pioneers set forth for the "North Country". The only incident of the trip which tradition preserves is the fact that somewhere on the journey the three-year-old Thomas tumbled from the sled and some miles were made before he was missed; then the father left the oxen and walked back through the snow to find the little fellow trudging along as best he could to catch up.

Betfield climbed well over Tucker Mountain up on the side of "Old Ragged", built his log cabin, and passed the winter. When spring came he came back this side of the crest of "Old Ragged" and built there his home of board construction from the saw-mills. Here trees were felled, winter rye and turnips sowed and planted, and the life of the pioneer family taken up, and here four more children were born.

Five of the eight children of Betfield and Hannah grew to maturity, but only one, Thomas, was fated to leave a posterity. So the Thomas and Juanna family brought down to the present day the blood of the hardy pioneer couple.

Betfield was a descendant of William Sawyer, one of the pioneer settlers of Newbury, Massachusetts, and in the following pages I have traced out the ancestry of Betfield back to William, and his posterity down through Thomas and Juanna to the present day, beginning with William and running in order down to the little Calvin Clement Sawyer of Kensington, the youngest of the eleventh generation from William.

William Sawyer, Pioneer of Our Family in America

Our English ancestors took their surnames from some distinguishing feature of the place where they lived, or from their occupation; it was John Aplake (John by the Lake) or Wil the Sawyer or James the Smith. Thus our surname originated because of the occupation of the "sawyer". There is some evidence to show that William Sawyer who came to America was of the same family as Wil Sawyer the popular peasant leader who in England joined with the radicals of Cromwell's day and demanded popular government.

William Sawyer was one of the 71 original settlers of old Newbury who, as the monument says, "between 1635 and 1650, founded its municipal, social and religious life." He came first to Salem where he received a grant of land in 1642, which tract is spoken of in the Salem records of 1659 as "Sawyers Playne". The only record I find further of William Sawyer at Salem, is that on October 5, 1642 he witnessed the will of Samuel Smith, who lived in that part now Wenham. There is a tradition that William was one of three brothers who came on the ship of Captain Parker which sailed from Lincolnshire in 1636. The tradition cannot be relied upon. Thomas Sawyer and Edward Sawyer received a house-lot each in the second division at Rowley. Thomas removed to Lancaster in 1647, and Edward removed to Maine in 1661. Each becoming the ancestor of a numerous family, but there is no evidence that they were brothers of William.

In 1644 we find William Sawyer coming to the Parker River (Newbury) settlement. Land alongside the river was taken and his tract was at "Newbury Upper Woods". (West Parish). The tract was later called Sawyer's Hill, and was on the road that went from the Plains to Curzon's Hill, and is now a part of the Moses' estate. It took in that land which is on the hill before one descends to Curzon's Hill. In 1652 William Sawyer is mentioned as a "town-man entitled to buy privilege of commonage." He was elected fence-viewer April 2, 1666, and April 3, 1671; surveyor in 1676 and 77; titching man 1679, 80 and 1685 and 86. May 14, 1654 he signed the petition to the General Court on behalf of "our loving friend"—Lier Robert Pike of Salisbury, and joined in the petition to the General Court of May 21, 1663, against the fine imposed upon Dr. Greenland of Newbury who practiced without license.

He took the oath of allegiance in 1678, giving his age as 63, hence he was born 1613. His wife's name was Ruth, and he and his wife and son John joined the Baptist Church at Boston 1681, and in 1682 he and his son organized a church of that faith in West Newbury, but it soon died.

His land by grant was added to by purchase, and in 1688 is credited with 2 houses, 12 acres of plow-land, 12 acres of meadow, 1 horse, 4 oxen, 4 cows, 2 two-year olds, 9 sheep, 3 hogs. He was living in 1697 but died before 1703, at which time his son-in-law John Emery was appointed to settle his estate. His son Samuel, other children and the Emerys are buried in the Sawyer's Hill burying ground on the Moses estate, but as the oldest gravestone in that yard dates 1705, he was evidently buried elsewhere. The return of John Emery shows that William Sawyer had deeded his property away before his death. The homestead lot was

deeded to his son Steven in 1693. The best account of the life of William Sawyer is found in Vol. 1, page 327 of "Descendants of Edw. Small" by A. W. Underhill.

The children of William and Ruth were John, b. 1645; Samuel, b. 1646; Ruth, b. 1648; Mary, b. 1649; Sarah, b. 1651; Hannah, b. 1653; William, b. 1655; Francis, b. 1657; Mary, b. 1660; Stephen, b. 1663; Hannah, b. 1664; Francis, b. 1670. The tragedy of contagious disease which in 1659 took away the first Mary, Hannah and Francis, caused three others to be given the same name.

Stephen (II)

Stephen, the youngest son of William who grew to maturity, was born April 25, 1665, and married in 1686, Ann (Bittsfield) Titcomb, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Bittsfield-Stevens) Titcomb. This Elizabeth was a daughter of Samuel Bittsfield, born July 7, 1666 and married March 10, 1687. He is the first Bittsfield I can trace, and I think there is no doubt the name comes in through this family rather than through the wife of William being a Bitfield.

Stephen and his wife lived with William the father, and in May 19, 1693, William deeded to said Stephen —"All my tract of land wherein I now dwell in the township of Newbury, and 19 acres bounded by the county road, the land of the Pillsburies and the Sawyers Lane, several acres of salt marsh, etc.—said Stephen not to come into possession of it, or any part of it, till immediately after my death and the death of my dear and loving wife Ruth, who retains possession during our natural lives."

Stephen continued the liberal religious tendencies of his father and mother, and went them one better—he became an active Quaker. His home was in the West parish, his sons owned farms in the Indian Hill and Turkey Hill districts, and we find the family gravestones in the little Quaker cemetery at Turkey Hill road, near the Quaker church taken down in 1920.

Children of Stephen and Ann:—Ann, b. 1687; Daniel, b. 1689; Sarah, b. 1691; Enoch, b. 1694; Stephen, b. 1696; Elizabeth, b. 1703.

Stephen died 1753. He deeds a portion of his property to his son Daniel; 25 acres at Indian Hill to his son Stephen; and his negro woman "Jenny" appraised at 61 pounds, 13 shillings and four pence, to his daughter Elizabeth.

Stephen (III)

Stephen, the third child of Stephen and Ann above, was born 1692, married 1719 to Sarah Rowell (born August 7, 1697 at Amesbury, a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Barnard) Rowell. Intention of marriage published in Friends records. He died January 5, 1765.

Children—Jacob, b. Sept. 23, 1719; Moses, b. Sept. 30, 1721; Miriam, b. Oct. 28, 1723; Elizabeth, b. Dec. 23, 1725; Aaron, b. June 30, 1729; Hannah, April 29, 1731; Bitfield, b. Feb. 20, 1737; Amos, b. Feb. 16, 1759.

Bitfield Sawyer of Newbury

Bitfield Sawyer (IV) was born Feb. 20, 1737, (see Seabrook Monthly Book) a son of Stephen and Ann (Bittsfield) Titcomb Sawyer. Fragmentary records leave us much chance for conjecture in regard to his life. Intention of marriage to Phoebe Collins on June 15, 1769 is entered in the Friends Records (15:6)—it never materialized—did she die or marry another? A brother of about the same age married a girl in New-

ton, and the next record we have of Bitfield is the entry of the birth of his son by Sarah Colby of Newton, a neighbor of his brother's wife. There was some years ago a serious fire in Newton and much of the Town Clerk's records were burned. We have no record of the marriage of Bitfield and Sarah Colby, nor do we have any record of her death. The will of Sarah's father shows that the child was reared by his grandfather. Did Sarah die at childbirth or soon after, or was the birth one of those tragic things of life? None can tell. Later Bitfield of Newbury married Susana Varney, a member of a Quaker family in Dover, and a widow of Ezekiel Varney, and a daughter of Robert and Lydia Hanson, historic family because they liberated their slaves.

Bitfield lived at Newbury, where his two daughters were born—Phoebe, born January 29, 1778 and Lydia Hanson, born July 16, 1781. Both of whom died early, their father outliving his family, and not dying till 1833 and the Newburyport Herald of October 1, 1883 gives an account of his death.

Betfield Sawyer of Newton and Hill

Betfield Sawyer (V) adopted the spelling Betfield rather than Bitfield, or Beetfield as used by his father. He was born at Newton, March 25, 1774, son of Bitfield and Sarah Colby, thus linking two old Newbury-Salisbury-Amesbury families.

Sarah Colby, born February 16, 1748, was a daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Clough) Colby, and lived in Carter Village, Newton. Nathaniel was a son of Thomas (b. 1651) and Hannah (Rowell) Colby; and Thomas was a son of Anthony, pioneer in America who was a friend of Thomas Macy, hero of Whittier's poem "The Exiles", and who bought from Macy the Macy-Colby House, Amesbury 1654. He is found at Boston in 1630, at Ipswich 1637, in Salisbury 1640. He sold his lot received in the first division to William Sargent in 1647.

The will of Nathaniel Colby was proved in 1796, dated May 24, 1792, in which he gives his residence in Carter Village a house and 22 acres of land to his grandson Bitfield Sawyer, of whom he speaks in most affectionate terms. This house is gone but it stood in a lot opposite the residence of the late Frank Austin in Newton.

Betfield married Hannah Thompson, June 17, 1793. She lived in Kingston, N. H., a daughter of Thomas Thompson and Judith Blaisdell.

Their children—David Colby Sawyer, b. May 9, 1794; Thomas, b. January 24, 1796; Polly, b. March 6, 1797 (died Dec. 23, 1797); Hannah, b. October 18, 1798; Luther, b. June 1, 1801; Polly, born August 29, 1804; Calvin, b. December 3, 1804 (died January 23, 1813); Betsy, b. March 9, 1813 (died April 23, 1816).

From the old account book, dated 1815, we find Betfield Sawyer was a methodical man, a good penman, and carried on the trade of the town shoemaker. The account book gives the names of nearly 100 men and women of the town and surrounding towns, among them being the father of Daniel Webster who lived about seven miles away. In 1797 the town of New Chester voted to pay able bodied men 50 cents a day, and 50 cents a day for a yoke of oxen. The account book shows that in addition to the considerable work he did as a shoemaker, Betfield kept a goodly stocked farm for those days, and his boys were set at work early. Bet-

field died at Hill Sept. 10, 1835 and is buried in the family graveyard.

Children of Betfield and Hannah

David Colby Sawyer (VI), the oldest son of Betfield, was happily married, and had the two little children that lie in the private yard, Luther and Mary H. E. Some contagious disease took them away; Mary dying Dec. 30, 1832, and Luther on Jan. 5, 1833; the former was aged three years and seven months, the latter one year and two months. Overcome by the tragedy David refused longer to cohabit with his wife, saying what is the use to bring children into the world to die. Finally they separated and David moved to a place called Poverty Pond, where for many years he ran a saw-mill. In the "fifties" David became a sort of lay Universalist Preacher, and finally died at Manchester, N. H. in the home of his nephew, Weare Sawyer. He wrote various verses for the simple gravestones, and had a sort of literary turn, and shows reasoning powers in some of the sermons he wrote which are preserved.

Deep were the emotions that took possession of me as I stood in that little yard, and saw there indeed "The short and simple annals of the poor". They were indeed the fathers of the hamlet—and I hoped the large faith of David was true, in the verse he put on the grave-stone of his father:

"To praise your God believe on His Son,
'Twas He who died for every one,
His death for all was not in vain,
And all who die shall live again."

Luther Sawyer (VI), while overheated from mowing in a meadow, ruptured his entire caul of the abdomen, and all his life thereafter could not sit down—he must lay or stand; he picked up a living buying and selling cattle, riding standing leaning against a stake on the team, and lying on the bed when not riding or walking. He remained unmarried and died in 1856, aged 55. These six of my ancestry, with the two little children of David Sawyer, two or three neighbors, a wandering and sick Indian, all lie in a little overgrown, private cemetery, now in a wilderness, but what was once a roadside.

Mary (Polly) (VI) married Daniel Loverin, and died at the age of 48, on August 13, 1852 and is buried in the little family cemetery beneath the pines.

Thomas (VI) the other son of Betfield who grew to maturity fared better than his brothers and sisters. He married Joanna (Juanna) Scribner, a relative of the mother of Daniel Webster and an aunt of the Charles Scribner who founded Scribner's Magazine. Thomas bought from a man named Small one of the little story and a half houses of the type of the birthplace of Daniel Webster, in which with the addition of an ell room, he and Juanna raised a family of 11 children of their own and one adopted child. Thomas was an industrious and thrifty farmer and at one time owned the largest barn in the town of Hill; this was struck by lightning and burned together with all the hay and all the stock save such oxen and cows as were out at pasture. The neighbors came together however with help and cattle and aided in the building of a new barn. Family traditions tell of the resources of Thomas to meet the situations which life thrust upon him, such as ingenuity to conquer vicious horses, refractory oxen, etc. Thomas died in 1862 but his widow lived till 1875.

Thomas and Juanna Sawyer—Their Home and Family

In 1909 when I made my first pilgrimage to the home of my ancestors, the old home of Betfield built in 1800 was still standing, with most of the rooms habitable but deserted. A plain, unpainted medium sized house. The antique-hunter had not yet appeared, and the swinging idle doors carried the old-fashioned latches, and about were the old-fashioned shelves and hooks of the home of older days. I wrenched off one door latch for my cabin I was building at Kensington. I neglected to take with me my camera, and so far as I know no photo of the house is in existence. This side was the little brook and the run where two of Betfield's boys one night shot the bear, and beyond the run where Uncle Luther became overheated in the mowing contest, and nearby the family burying ground—all these Uncle Clem pointed out to me.

A half mile this side was the home of Thomas and Juanna. The accompanying photo was taken before 1909 but after it had passed from the ownership of our family, and when the barn which the neighbors aided Thomas to build was on its way to ruin. Inside was the fireplace where as late as 1860 Grandma Sawyer sat in her settle and told the stories of earlier days to her grandchildren. And there was still usable the several rooms of the house, including the old best room where she put the ministers to sleep who came to hold meetings either in the house or at the schoolhouse two hundred yards away. Grandma Sawyer was a remarkable woman. In 1922 I published in that most excellent weekly paper, The Franklin Journal-Transcript, several sketches of our family which appeared in the issues of March and of April 6 and 27 and October 19 of the same year. In one of these I used a letter from Rev. J. P. Watson of Ohio, a man of leadership in the Christian denomination, who told of preaching his first sermon in the Sawyer School-house at the request of Grandma Sawyer, and in which he paid fine tribute to her as a Christian woman. In some records her name is given as Joanna, but she spelled it herself as Juana, and as such I have let it stand.

Their children were, with dates of birth: Calvin, 1819; Betfield, 1821; Mary Ann, 1823; Weare, 1825; Warren, 1827; Betsy Elizabeth, 1830; Isabelle Jane, 1833; Luther, 1835; Clement, 1837; Harvey, 1839; Orrin, 1843; Viola Grant (adopted).

The family verse of the family runs thus:

"Calvin, Betfield, Weare, Warren,
Luther, Clement, Harvey, Orrin,
Betsy, Jane and Mary Ann
The old lady and gentleman."

In the following pages I will take up and trace briefly lives and families of these children of Thomas and Juanna.

Betfield (VII) and Betsy (VII)

In Memoriam

Betfield (VII) second son of Thomas and Juanna, was born May 20, 1821. He was drowned in Smith's River, Danbury, while in swimming on July 17, 1838, at 17 years of age. The following is the quaint newspaper item which I find carefully kept by his grandfather after whom the boy was named.

Deaths

Drowned:

"Drowned in Smith's River, in Danbury, July 5th, Mr. Bitfield Sawyer, of Hill, aged 17 years, son of

Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Joanna Sawyer. In the sudden demise of this amiable youth, parents are called to mourn the loss of an affectionate son, and brothers and sisters of an endeared companion, one whose youthful career had been mingled in pursuits of innocence and virtue, and promised ere long a life of usefulness and honor—but death, with its icy hand, in an unexpected hour, had grasped the tender plant, and it has withered and died; and all that was lovely, all that was bright and fair, has been borne to the silent chambers of the dead. Yes, he has gone, his spirit has forever fled—dust mingles with its native earth, and moulders in the undisturbed silence of the grave—and no tears nor lamentations of his mourning friends will bring back the spirit that has gone to seek some other dwelling. How short and uncertain is life: man hustles around life's giddy circle, laboring amid alternate hope and fear, and then is gone; and the place that once knew him knows him no more forever."

The verse on the gravestone reads:
"The element that stopped his health
Has laid him low in silent death.
But dear remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

Betsy Elizabeth (VII) the other of the children of Thomas and Juanna to die in youth, was born January 20, 1830; the sixth child and second girl. She died Oct. 11, 1846, aged 16 years, 8 months and 10 days. The verse on her stone reads:
"Yes the beloved one has gone
Our dear sister has fled—
She has gone to the eternal home
And must be numbered with the dead."

These are the only two of the 11 natural and one adopted children of Thomas and Juanna, who did not live to marry and have homes of their own.

Calvin (VII)

Calvin was born in Hill, March 26, 1819. He married Azubah Harriman Currier of Plaistow at Plaistow, May 30, 1844. She died of consumption October 10, 1852. They lived at Plaistow.

Children of Calvin and Azubah: Stephen Calvin (VIII) born March 7, 1846, living; Annie M. (VIII) born April 2, 1840, d. June 1, 1849; Walter J. (VIII) born March 27, 1851, d. Nov. 23, 1859.

Both children were buried in Plaistow. Walter had a heart weakness which resulted in dropsy so that at the age of eight he could not get his father's pants on. The poor lad's great amusement was to draw pictures and print his name, he never was able to attend school.

Calvin married again, Mehitable Eaton, daughter of James Eaton of Plaistow, April 28, 1854. They moved from Plaistow to Kensington, N. H., where they lived on the South Road. Calvin died of cancer at pit of stomach, Feb. 13, 1868; Mehitable died at Kensington, March 18, 1876.

Children of Calvin and Mehitable: Ida M. (VIII) b. June 7, 1857, living; Wesley Lincoln (VIII) b. May 22, 1860, d. 1927.

Stephen C. (VIII)

Stephen C., son of Calvin, was married Feb. 27 to Phoebe Maria (Blake) Sawyer of Kensington. He lives, his wife died Sept. 8, 1921. They lived at Kensington.

Children of Stephen C. and Phoebe: Roland Douglas, (IX) b. Jan. 8, 1874, living; Wesley Stephen, (IX) b. Jan.

6, 1880, living in N. Y. City, unmarried; Elizabeth Moulton, (IX) b. April 10, 1882, living, married to Edward S. Kingsbury of Amesbury, where they live.

Roland D. (IX)

Roland D. born at Kensington, married Mary L. (Palmer) Sawyer of that town, June 29, 1898. Both living at Ware, Mass., where he is pastor of Congregational Church.

Children of Roland and Mary L.: Ruth Elizabeth (X) b. June 22, 1899; Rachel Nathalie (X) b. May 12, 1901; Roland D. Jr. (X) b. Dec. 26, 1902, unmarried, living; Robert Palmer (X) b. Aug. 24, 1904; Rosalind Blake (X) b. June 17, 1906, living, unmarried; Ramona Jeanette (X) b. Sept. 16, 1911, living, unmarried.

Ruth (X)

Married Seymour S. Getter of Boston, May 29, 1923. They live at 175 Trapelo Road, Belmont, Mass.

Their children: Ramona Jacqueline, (XI) b. Jan. 19, 1924, died Feb. 4, 1924; Elizabeth Sawyer, (XI) b. Feb. 28, 1927, living.

Rachel (X)

Married Harold Y. Smith, July 26, 1923. They live at Marshfield, Mass. Their children: Barbara Helen (XI) b. Oct. 18, 1926, living; Nathalie Sawyer, (XI) b. Aug. 18, 1928, living.

Robert P. (X)

Married Ruby E. Laveulette of Ware, March 10, 1922. They live at Kensington, N. H.

Their children: Robert Stephen (XI) b. Sept. 29, 1922, living; Evelyn (XI); Arlene Gilbert (XI) b. Nov. 8, 1924, living; Clement Calvin (XI) b. March 26, 1927, living.

Ida M. (VIII)

Ida M. daughter of Calvin was married to Frank A. Mace of Kensington, at Kensington, Aug. 26, 1876, where they lived in a stately farm house at Mace's Corner. Mr. Mace died Feb. 16, 1925.

Children of Ida M. (Sawyer) and Frank A. Mace: Nellie Etta Mace, (IX) b. August 11, 1878; Everett Sawyer (IX) b. Oct. 6, 1882, unmarried and living at Kensington.

Nellie Etta Mace (IX)

Nellie, daughter of Ida M. married Elmer Sanborn of Hampton Falls, N. H., Aug. 31, 1905, where they lived. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn died in March, 1928, within three days of one another of pneumonia. Loved and respected by their townspeople, their double funeral in the Hampton Falls Unitarian Church was one of the sad occasions in the history of the town.

Their children: John F. Sanborn (X) b. April 7, 1909, died Apr. 9, 1909; Everett C. (X) b. Nov. 5, 1910, died Nov. 5, 1910; Elmer Emmons (X) b. Nov. 28, 1914, living.

Wesley Lincoln (VIII)

Wesley L., son of Calvin, was married Nov. 28, 1899 to Hattie Spink of East Greenwich, R. I., where they lived their married life, on an ancestral home of Mrs. Sawyer's people, on land dating back to the original settlement of the state. Wesley died of heart trouble in 1928, his wife is living. Their children:

Maud Gertrude (X) b. March 19, 1891; Marguerette Eaton (X) b. May 30, 1893.

Maud Gertrude (IX)

Maud, daughter of Wesley, married Adolph Ehrenzeller, at East Greenwich, R. I., Sept. 6, 1915. They re-

side at 23 Park Vale Road, West Roxbury, Mass.

Their children: Wesley Sawyer (X) b. March 24, 1918, living; Harriet Louise (X) b. Nov. 21, 1919, living.

Marguerette (IX)

Marguerette, daughter of Wesley, married Alexander Allen, Oct. 14, 1916. They reside at Needham.

Their children: Barbara Sawyer (X) b. May 7, 1918, living; Donald, b. July 25, 1921; David Eaton (X) b. Nov. 19, 1923, both living.

Mary Ann (VII)

Mary Ann, oldest daughter and third child of Thomas and Juanna was born at Hill, May 29, 1823; she died March 4, 1903. She married Horace Sanborn Clay in 1843, who was born at Newbury, Vt., Dec. 14, 1819 and died Dec. 28, 1869.

Children of Mary Ann and Horace Clay: Charles Leonodas (VIII) was born at Andover, N. H., Oct. 9, 1844; died April 12, 1920. Married first to Stella Louise Redington at Littleton, N. H. on Nov. 28, 1873; she was born Feb. 8, 1848 and died May 24, 1888. Married second, Emma Lancaster at Tilton, N. H., Nov. 19, 1892; she was born Aug. 6, 1854 and died Dec. 12, 1914. Married third Delia Bingham Whitehall at Littleton in 1916.

Mary Ellen (VIII) b. June 12, 1848, married Harlan P. Prescott of Lowell who was born in October, 1839 and died June 9, 1896.

Electa Ann (VIII) born Aug. 22, 1850. Married Francis Hale Flanders June 21, 1876; died Feb. 1929.

Cassius Marcellus (VIII) born Aug. 12, 1856; died Nov. 21, 1882.

Sam Johnson (VIII) born May 9, 1858 at East Andover. Married Cora Taylor Gordon at New Hampton, Feb. 24, 1881. She was born Sept. 23, 1858 and died June 24, 1899. Married second time to Helen F. Judkins, Feb. 10, 1901.

Grace Belle (VIII) born ———— died June 24, 1864.

Mary Ann's Grandchildren

Children of Charles L. and Stella: Paul R. (IX) b. Feb. 16, 1875; Ruth S. (IX) b. Aug. 8, 1877, married June 5, 1901 to William G. McVrillis; Grace E. (IX) b. Feb. 25, 1880, married Oct. 14, 1908 to Daniel H. Dickinson; Starr Sawyer (IX) b. Oct. 18, 1884, died Aug. 19, 1886.

Children by Charles L and Emma: Charles Lancaster (IX) b. Dec. 6, 1893.

Children of Sam and Cora: Gordon M. (IX) b. April 25, 1883; Rachel P. (IX) b. Jan. 10, 1892; Caro P. (IX) b. Sept. 2, 1893; Mary E. (IX) b. June 8, 1899.

Children of Sam and Helen: Horace Sawyer (IX) b. Dec. 21, 1902.

Children of Ellen and Horace Prescott: Charles William (IX) b. East Andover, Aug. 17, 1866; Horace Clay (IX) b. East Andover, July 27, 1869; Fritz H. (IX) b. Franklin, 1871; Robert R. (IX) b. Salisbury, 1873; John (IX) b. East Andover, 1878; Abel (IX) b. Jan. 20, 1876, died Jan. 8, 1878; Marion H. (IX) b. Sept. 24, 1882, died March 16, 1906.

Great Grandchildren

Children of Paul R. and Helen: Paul R. Clay, lawyer, married Helen S. Calder, Feb. 16, 1903. The children: Harvard (X) b. Angust 1, 1904; Katrina (X) b. Jan. 14, 1908.

Children of Gordon and Bessie: Gordon M. Clay married Bessie Piper in 1903. The children: Sam B. (X) b. May 17, 1906; John G. (X) b. July 20, 1910; David Woodrow (X) b. May 26, 1917.

Children of Rachel P. Clay and Walter Stevenson: Rachel P. married Walter F. Stevenson in 1914. Their children: Infant child b. June 1915, died June 1915; Caro E. (X) born Jan. 24, 1917 in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Janet Mary (X) b. June 8, 1920 in New Hampton, N. H.; Clay F. (X) b. Nov. 1, 1922 at Orange, N. J.

Children of Charles W. Prescott and Lillian: Charles W. Prescott married Lillian Nelson.

Children of Horace C. Prescott and Grace E. Sawyer: Horace Clay Prescott married Grace E. Sawyer. They live in Manchester. Their children: Clayton E. (X) b. Manchester Feb. 9, 1893, married Flora E. Charles Jan. 7, 1916; Harlan S. (X) b. Manchester Oct. 6, 1894, died Jan. 14, 1922, married to Ruth Copeland April 4, 1920.

Children of Fritz H. Prescott and Clara G. Taylor: Fritz married Clara G. Taylor of Richmond, P. Q. Their children: Mary G. (X) b. Tilton Oct. 16, 1902; Seth T. (X) Oct. 31, 1910; Charles W. (X) b. May 5, 1917.

Children of John and Maude: John Prescott married Maude M. George of Newbury, N. H. Oct. 30, 1901. Their children: John Jr. (X) b. at Medway, Mass., March 23, 1908.

Children of Robert R. Prescott: Robert R. married Gertrude I. Dustin Jan. 23, 1902 and no children. Married second to Pearl Nerbonne of Reno, Nevada. Children: Jacqueline (X).

Children of Horace Sawyer Clay: Horace (IX) married Ruth Patton on Feb. 17, 1924. They reside in Los Angeles where Horace is a practising physician. Their children: William Gordon Clay (X) b. April 26, 1925.

Children of Mary E. Clay and Wm. Blythe: Mary E. Clay (IX) was married Sept. 14, 1923 to William F. Blythe. They reside in Bristol, N. H. Children: Margaret (X) b. May 9, 1928.

Meshack Weare Sawyer (VII)

Meshack Weare was born in Hill, July 17, 1825. He married Abby Dow Chase of West Newbury in October, 1856. They lived in the North Parish of Haverhill, Plaistow, N. H., where he died July 23, 1895 and she died April 27, 1908.

Children of Weare and Abby: Mary Eunice (VIII) b. March 27, 1857; William Howard (VIII) b. June 8, 1858; Annie Isabelle (VIII) Nov. 19, 1859, died July 11, 1877; Arthur Weare (VIII) b. Nov. 4, 1861; Maud Abby (VIII) b. Feb. 7, 1864.

Mary Eunice (VIII)

Married Charles H. Haseltine, Apr. 25, 1883. They lived at Plaistow. Their children: Martha Chase, b. Sept. 20, 1887, died Sept. 21, 1887.

William Howard (VIII)

Married Mary Ward Drake in December, 1883. They lived at West Newbury, Mass. Their children: Annie Pearl (IX) b. March 20, 1886, married George A. Carpenter, Sept. 8, 1910; Harold H. (IX) b. Aug. 8, 1892, married Alice Blanchard Oct. 20, 1914.

Arthur Weare (VIII)

Married Mary A. Haseltine Nov. 27, 1890. Their children: Annie Elizabeth (IX) b. March 21, 1891; Carl Haseltine (IX) b. July 13, 1892, died Feb. 27, 1916; Allen Weare (IX) b. Feb. 23, 1895; Sewell Chase (IX) b. Feb. 16, 1897, married Florence Burnham Dec. 24, 1923; Clement Scribner (IX) b. Nov. 13, 1904, died Jan. 29, 1905.

Maud Abby (VIII)

Married Charles A. Boswell Nov. 19, 1886. They lived at Newton, N.

H. Their children: Beth (IX) b. March 15, 1888.

Annie Elisabeth (IX)

Married Ralph A. Sherbert, Dec. 25, 1911. Their children: Ralph S. Jr. (X) b. April 11, 1913, died Aug. 4, 1913; Arlene Hazel (X) b. Sept. 11, 1914; Raeburn Sawyer (X) b. Feb. 24, 1916; Beryl Elizabeth (X) b. March 2, 1918; Mavis Chase (X) b. Aug. 28, 1919; Janice Lillian (X) b. March 11, 1923; Jeanne Georgina (X) b. Feb. 10, 1925.

Allen Weare (IX)

Married Mildred E. Howe, April 28, 1917. Their children: Aldrich Weare (X) b. July 31, 1918; Mahlon Chase (X) b. March 30, 1920; Esther Marions (X) b. Jan. 29, 1922; Ruth Pearl (X) b. Sept. 21, 1923; Kenneth Allen (X) b. June 6, 1925; Chester Robert (X) b. Aug. 6, 1926.

Thomas Warren (VII)

Thomas Warren was born Nov. 25, 1827 and died Jan. 28, 1873. He married Lucy P. Sleeper of Hill. She was born in 1832 and died May 3, 1856. Married a second time to Mary Danforth. Married a third time to Abbie Morgan (nee Dunkley).

Children of Warren and Lucy Sleeper: George Warren (VIII) born at Danbury, died at Exeter, N. H., 1918; Charles H. (VIII) b. April 4, 1856, died Aug. 10, 1856.

Children of Warren and Mary Danforth: Charles (VIII) b. at Hill, June 4, 1862; Bella (VIII) b. at Sanbornton in 1871; Thomas W. (VIII) b. at East Tilton, March 4, 1873.

Warren's Grandchildren

Charles (VIII) married Cora Estelle Hall at Concord, Feb. 9, 1882; she was born at Sanbornton. Their children: Estelle May (IX) b. at Concord Nov. 7, 1884.

Bella (VIII) married Almon D. Page at Manchester, Oct. 10, 1893. They reside at Orange, N. J. Their children: Robert S. Page (IX) b. at Orange, N. J. July 4, 1894; Elizabeth Page (IX) b. at Newark; Beatrice Y. Page (IX) b. at Newark; Almon D. Jr. (IX) b. at Henderson Harbor, N. Y.

Thomas W. (VIII) married Nellie King at New York City? Dec. 13, 1902; she was born Feb. 16, 1878. They reside at Goffstown, N. H. Their children: Gloria (IX) b. at Athol, Mass., Feb. 19, 1904; Flavia (IX) b. at Goffstown, Nov. 3, 1909; Warren King (IX) b. at Goffstown Aug. 11, 1915.

Great Grandchildren

Elizabeth Page (IX) married Chas. Mesmer. Their children: Elizabeth (X) b. at Clayton, N. J. 1923; Charles (X) b. ————.

Beatrice Y. Page (IX) married Jesse Grant. Their children: Isabel (X).

Isabelle Jane (VII)

Isabelle Jane was born at Hill, May 6, 1833; she died Feb. 23, 1886. She married James Parker. They lived at East Andover and Manchester.

Children of Jane and James Parker: Sarah Ellen (VIII) b. August 27, 1854, married April 8, 1877 to Frank Meserve. They live in Somerville, Mass. Clarence D. (VIII) b. Jan. 2, 1861, married Ida M. Annis, died; Mary Altha (VIII) b. March 3, 1865; Ferdinand L. (VIII) b. July 16, 1872, died; Addie W. (VIII) b. July 16, 1872, married Walter Mower, died Dec. 28, 1920.

Jane's Grandchildren

Children of Mary Altha and Fred E. Bryant: Mary Altha (VIII) married Fred E. Bryant of Manchester. They live in Manchester. Children: Ethel May (IX) b. May 11, 1891; Isabel (IX) b. July 7, 1893; Fred Eugene (IX) b. Nov. 24, 1895; Bertha (IX) b. Nov. 16, 1897.

Children of Addie W. and Walter Mower: Addie W. (VIII) married Walter Mower of Manchester. Their children: Viola F. (IX) b. Aug. 9, 1896, died May 26, 1919.

Great Grandchildren

Children of Ethel May and Winnifred Dexter: Ethel May (IX) married Winnifred Dexter of Somerville in 1913. Their children: Winnifred Malcom Dexter (X) b. April 6, 1916.

Children of Isabel and Carl Chase: Isabel (IX) married Carl Chase July 8, 1923. Children: Eliabeth May (X) b. May 2, 1924.

Children of Fred and Edith: Fred Eugene (IX) married Edith Littlefield of Waltham, Aug. 30, 1920. Children: Phylis Dorothy (X) b. July 25, 1923.

Luther (VII)

Luther was born at Hill, May 9, 1834; died at East Andover July 4, 1899. He was married at Hill in 1858 to Susan A. Littlefield, who was born Sept. 22, 1839 and died Dec. 13, 1886. Married a second time at Manchester to Mrs. Alzira Ordway.

Children of Luther and Susan: Bessie Ellen (VIII) b. Feb. 25, 1859; Lewis Edgar (VIII) b. Nov. 27, 1861, married Lizzie Perkins in 1888; Albert Eugene (VIII) b. Jan. 2, 1863, died Dec. 20, 1865; Orrin Leroy (VIII) b. April 24, 1865; Harvey Calvin (VIII) b. June 21, 1868, married Gavutta M. Goodhue, Aug. 15, 1894, resides at Charlestown, N. H., where he is pastor of Methodist church; Daisy Uda (VIII) b. June 13, 1873, married George E. Eastman June 26, 1894; Luther Jere (VIII) b. March 5, 1877; Susan Mary (VIII) b. April 6, 1885.

Luther's Grandchildren

Bessie E. (VIII) married George E. Eastman of East Andover, Oct. 2, 1881, she died Aug. 2, 1892. Their children: Lavina (IX) b. June 16, 1886; Wesley Edward (IX) b. June 28, 1889; Ellsworth Sawyer (IX) b. July 16, 1892.

Orrin L. (VIII) married Minnie M. Sargent, March 19, 1905. Their children: Lewis Edgar (IX) died an infant; Clarissa Adams (IX) b. Nov. 28, 1909. Adopted by Harvey and name changed to Orrine G. Sawyer.

Luther Jere (VIII) married Florence Buchanan March 12, 1902. They reside at Walpole, Mass. Their children: Melba Bessie (IX) b. May 6, 1903; Gladys Eva (IX) b. March 25, 1906; Daisy Ellen (IX) b. Feb. 6, 1912; Richard Francis (IX) b. Aug. 26, 1914.

Susan Mary (VIII) married William B. Irwin, April 6, 1908. They reside in Fall River. Their children: Frederick Harvey (IX) b. Nov. 13, 1914; Donald Sawyer (IX) b. Sept. 3, 1924.

Great Grandchildren

Lavina E. (IX) married Fred D. Smith April 21, 1908. Children Proctor Eastman (X) b. Aug. 4, 1904, died by accident Feb. 17, 1927; Murray Ellsworth (X) b. Aug. 20, 1912; Dorothy Susan (X) b. Aug. 10, 1915.

Wesley E. Eastman (IX) married Elaine Currier, Aug. 31, 1914; he died Jan. 2, 1919. Their children: Nathan Edward (X) b. May 14, 1916; Ruth (X) b. Jan. 13, 1919.

Ellsworth Eastman (IX) married Hazel E. Huntoon May 6, 1915. Their children: Bessie Ellen (X) b. May 27, 1916; Mary Frances (X) b. Oct. 27, 1919; Helen Anna (X) b. Jan. 17, 1927.

Malba Bessie (IX) married Harold W. Willis, May 27, 1924. Their children: Eleanor June (X) b. Feb. 20, 1925; Janet Mae (X) b. Aug. 3, 1926; Evelyn Louise (X) b. Sept. 9, 1927.

Clement (VII)

Clement (VII) was born at Hill, April 24, 1837. Married at Franklin May 24, 1876 to Fanny Roberts, who was born Oct. 12, 1845. Clement has no children but he had become "Uncle Clem" and his wife has become "Aunt Fanny" to all the descendants of Thomas and Juanna. Their home at Goffstown was on August 21, 1903 the gathering spot of the first Sawyer Family Reunion, and there the most of the time the family has met each year since. Hale, hearty, possessing all his faculties, Uncle Clem became the Grand Old Man of the Sawyer clan, and Aunt Fanny, his brave and true wife, took all of her husband's kin to her heart and welcomed them each year.

As late as the reunion of 1927 there appeared to be no breaking-up of the vitality of this wonderful old couple, and they were planting their garden, going to Manchester to market, and carrying on the activities of life at Sawyer's Crossing", Grasmere, Goffstown.

Harvey (VII)

Harvey (VII) was born at Hill, April 4, 1839; April 6, 1870 he married Adelaide M. Drew. Harvey died and his wife died Dec. 4, 1908.

Their children: Ethelene (VIII) b. 1879, died Feb. 2, 1880, aged 7 mos. 3 days; Bertha Ora (VIII) b. May, 1871, died Aug. 16, 1871; Orrine L. (VIII) adopted daughter, being the daughter of Clarissa Adams of his brother Luther.

"Uncle Harvey" and "Aunt Addie" having no children, joined "Uncle Clem" and "Aunt Fanny" in the yearly welcome to all the clan of Betfield and Thomas at each yearly reunion. Their glad greetings and happy smiles to see each of the clan will ever be recalled by those who attended the reunions before their death.

Orrin (VII)

David Orrin was born April 11, 1843 at Hill; April 11, 1868 he married Ellen Mary Rogers of Manchester. She was born Nov. 26, 1847. Orrin died and his wife died They resided at 472 Amherst St. For many years Orrin was a partner with his brother Harvey in the grocery business.

Their children: Lizzie Mabel (VIII) b. Jan. 14, 1870 and died Oct. 4, 1870; Infant son born and died Oct. 3, 1871; Grace Ellen (VIII) b. Nov. 10, 1873; Lilla Belle (VIII) b. Sept. 25, 1876; Alice Maud (VIII) b. Nov. 21, 1878, died Feb. 17, 1879; Dora May (VIII) b. June 5, 1880, died Nov. 29, 1881; Gertrude Helen (VIII) b. Feb. 20, 1884, died Sept. 19, 1906; Bertha Pearl (VIII) b. Nov. 6, 1886.

Orrin's Grandchildren

Children of Grace Ellen and Horace Prescott: Grace Ellen Sawyer (VIII) married Horace Prescott, June 10, 1891. They live at 472 Amherst St., Manchester. Children: Clayton Earle (IX) b. Feb. 9, 1893,

married June 7, 1916 to Flora E. Charles; Harland Sawyer (IX) b. Oct. 6, 1894, married April 4, 1920, Ruth M. Copeland, he died Jan. 14, 1922.

Children of Lilla and William T. Woodman: Lilla Belle (VIII) married Wm. T. Woodman, July 4, 1897. They live in Havana. Their children: Allen Cooper Woodman (IX) b. May 6, 1898; Milah Grace (IX) b. Oct. 10, 1900; Marion Earle (IX) b. Nov. 11, 1902; Carolyn (IX) b. Aug. 4, 1916, died July 19, 1917.

Children of Gertrude and Timothy B. Stevens: Gertrude Helen (VIII) married Timothy B. Stevens Sept. 20, 1905; she died Sept. 19, 1906. They lived in Manchester. Children: Thurland Boynton Stevens (IX) b. Aug. 30, 1906, died Aug. 31, 1906.

Children of Bertha and Sidney E. Gibson: Bertha Pearl (VIII) married Sidney E. Gibson, Sept. 30, 1905. They live in Chicago. Children: Helen Gertrude (IX) b. April 22, 1907, died Jan. 24, 1921; Robert Sidney (IX) b. Nov. 19, 1908, died Jan. 24, 1921; Howard Sawyer (IX) b. April 2, 1911, died April 13, 1911; Frank (IX) b. Feb. 6, 1913, died Feb. 7, 1913; Glenn Emmons (IX) b. June 2, 1914.

Great Grandchildren

Children of Allen Woodman and Marion Riel: Allen C. Woodman (IX) married Marion Riel, Sept. 11, 1922. Children: Constance Carolyn (X) b. June 30, 1923; William Frederick (X) b. Jan. 1, 1927.

Children of Milah Grace and Samuel V. Stiles: Milah Grace (IX) married Samuel V. Stiles of Tennessee. Children: Samuel Stiles Jr. (X) b. ?

Viola M. Eastman Sawyer (adopted) (VII)

Viola M. Eastman, the adopted daughter of Thomas and Juanna, to make the even dozen, was born at Danbury March 20, 1848; she married Charles M. Grant of Winchester, Mass., Nov. 27, 1871; she died at Roxbury, Mass., Nov. 7, 1920. As long as she lived she attended the family reunions and her love for the family, and their love for her, was as deep as though she were a real daughter.

Children of Viola and Charles Grant: Daisy L. Grant, b. Nov. 1 1873, married John C. Reid of Melrose; Amy E. Grant, b. June 6, 1875, married Alfred N. Theobald of Malden; Grace M. Grant, b. Jan. 9, 1878, married Jerrey F. Murphy.

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